

12/07/21

Dear Parents / Guardians,

With the end of term fast approaching and following the Minister's announcement last week, I would like to share some arrangements with you for the return to school in September.

Date	Activity
Thursday 02/09/21	INSET for staff – no pupils in attendance
Friday 03/09/21	Years 7 and 12 only to attend
Monday 06/09/21	All pupils return from years 7-13

As announced by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language last Friday, there will be key changes to school arrangements from September 2021. We are waiting to receive 'The Local Covid-19 Infection Control Decision Framework' from the Welsh Government for full details of the proposed adaptations, but we know that the following changes will take effect from September:

- Pupils will no longer have to use face coverings in classrooms, but they will have to be used in communal areas, such as corridors, halls and canteens, and will also be required on school transport.
- Contact groups (bubble groups) will no longer be recommended – Test, Trace, Protect (TTP) will lead on identifying the close contacts of staff and learners who have tested positive in the same way (as they would for any other individual who tests positive outside the school setting).
- We will encourage our pupils to test (using LFTs) before returning to school. Pupils and staff will not be expected to take LFT tests over the summer holidays.
- We will return to our normal times from September (please see the table below):

KS3 (Years 7-9)		KS4 and 5 (Years 10-13)	
Time	Activity	Time	Activity
08:00 – 08:30	Breakfast club available	08:00 – 08:30	Breakfast club available
08:30	Registration	08:30	Registration
09:00	Lesson 1	09:00	Lesson 1
09:50	Break	09:50	Lesson 2
10:10	Lesson 2	10:40	Break
11:00	Lesson 3	11:00	Lesson 3
11:50	Lunch	11:50	Lesson 4
12:40	Lesson 4	12:40	Lunch
13:30	Lesson 5	13:30	Lesson 5
14:20	Lesson 6	14:20	Lesson 6
15:10	End of the school day	15:10	End of the school day



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We will confirm the full Covid safety measures and arrangements at the start of the new term.

Following a period of transition, and as of September, **we expect all pupils to wear the new school uniform**. It has been great to receive a number of extremely positive comments about the appearance of our pupils in the new uniform. Details for the uniform can be found [in this letter](#) and can be purchased from Bergoni. As noted in previous communication, our pupils were allowed to wear the 'old' uniform during the 12 month transition period up until September 2021. The wearing of tracksuit bottoms or leggings are not permitted as part of the uniform. See our website ([Correspondence : Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bryn Tawe](#)) for full details in relation to the uniform, including our expectations for school shoes and for piercings. I would like to thank the vast majority of our pupils and parents for supporting our expectations with the uniform on a daily basis, and in ensuring that the appearance of our pupils is a source of pride for us at Bryn Tawe. Pupils are also expected to bring their own equipment to school for their personal use.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Donna Cornelius and Miss Rebecca Cornelius, who are both leaving us at the end of the year, for their excellent contribution in supporting our pupils over a large number of years. Best wishes to you Mrs Cornelius and Miss Cornelius on behalf of the school community.

Finally, a huge thank you to you, parents and guardians, for your continued support over the past year. Our pupils' response to all of the immense challenges they have faced has been excellent. I sincerely hope that we will have a year with less disruption to the education of our pupils, and where we will also be able to once again provide rich extra-curricular experiences for our pupils.

I hope that you will all have the opportunity to relax over the holidays, and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and safe summer.

Sincerely,

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